IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 - 10 and 27 - 28. Please add claims 29 - 42.

Claims 1 - 28 (cancelled).

29. (new) A method of providing media content to a subscriber utilizing a client computer, the method comprising:

receiving a request, at a local server, for retrieval of media content from the subscriber utilizing the client computer;

transmitting the request for the media content to a remote server, the request including encoded data identifying the subscriber; and

receiving digitized content from the remote server at the local server, the digitized content including a combination of the media content requested by the subscriber and the encoded data identifying the subscriber.

30. (new) The method of claim 29, further including an agent process on the local server transmitting the digitized content to the subscriber at the user computing device, the digitized content including the media content requested by the subscriber and the encoded data identifying the subscriber.

31. (new) The method of claim 29, further including storing the digitized content on a dedicated partition of a disk drive, the digitized content including the media content requested by the subscriber and the encoded data identifying the subscriber, the dedicated partition of the disk drive being inaccessible by the subscriber utilizing the client computer.

32. (new) The method of claim 31, further including removing the digitized content from the dedicated partition of the disk drive once a subscription period has

expired.

33. (new) The method of claim 29, wherein the encoded data identifying the subscriber includes a name of the subscriber.

34. (new) The method of claim 29, wherein the encoded data identifying the subscriber includes an account number of the subscriber.

35. (new) The method of claim 29, wherein the media content is in a video format and the encoded data identifying the subscriber includes a watermark that is inserted into video frames of the media content.

36. (new) A machine-readable medium having recorded thereon instructions, such that when said instructions are executed, said instructions cause a local server to:

receive a request from a subscriber utilizing a client computer, at the local server, for retrieval of media content;

transmit the request for the media content to a remote server, the request including encoded data identifying the subscriber; and

receive digitized content from the remote server at the local server, the digitized content including a combination of the media content requested by the subscriber and the encoded data identifying the subscriber.

37. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 36, including instructions, which when executed, cause the local server to transmit the digitized content to the subscriber at the client computer, the digitized content including the media content requested by the subscriber and the encoded data identifying the subscriber.

38. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 36, including instructions, which when executed, cause the local server to store the digitized content on a

dedicated partition of a disk drive, the digitized content including the media content requested by the subscriber and the encoded data identifying the subscriber and the dedicated partition of the disk drive being inaccessible by the subscriber utilizing the client computer.

39. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 38, including instructions, which when executed, cause the local server to remove the digitized content from the dedication partition of the disk drive once a subscription period has expired.

40. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 36, the encoded data identifying the subscriber includes a name of the subscriber.

41. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 36, the encoded data identifying the subscriber includes an account number of the subscriber.

42. (new) The machine-readable medium of claim 36, wherein the media content is in a video format and the encoded data identifying the subscriber includes a watermark that is inserted into video frames of the media content.